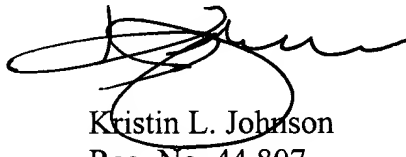


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents for a three-month extension of time, through and including July 21, 2004, to respond to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2004. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$950 in payment of the fee for a three month time extension. No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,



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